



Bred To Event Classic



General Rules

Requirements to Compete

All horses must be registered with a breed association and must provide proper identifying papers to verify age, Jockey Club papers are accepted.

Time Schedule

Will be published for each day.

Scoresheets

Bred To Event score sheets are unique to this series. Individual scoresheets will be provided to competitors after the competition, and a comparative scoresheet showing scores for all the horses in the competition will be posted on the scoreboard. For each age group Championships, the top two horses from each age will be named as Champion and Reserve Champion. The horse that scored the highest percentage in his/her original class will be named the Champion; the horse that scored the second highest percentage in his/her original class will be named Reserve Champion. If there are two (or more) horses with the same score—i.e. “tied scores” then yearlings and 2-year-olds ties will be broken by highest general impression score and 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds will use highest jumping score. If there is still a tie, the judge will decide the winner.

Judging Standards

The standard is that of a top-quality event horse with the ‘whole picture’, as well as the ‘parts’, being considered. Conformational weaknesses that may predispose to structural unsoundness in an event horse’s development, training and use will be noted and scored based on severity.

Conformation

Will be judged on the qualifying day and will be carried over to the championship day. All horses must receive a score of 75% to be eligible for the championship round. Each horse must be shown in a snaffle bridle for conformation except for the yearling class who will have the option to show in either a bridle or a halter.

Grounds for Dismissal

Any unruly horse of any gender or age which endangers its handler, other horses, their handlers, the judges, or the ring crew will be dismissed.

Handlers

A Handler – Is defined as anyone holding or leading a young horse. The owner or his/her representative may hold or lead the horse. The trot and canter will be shown free in the chute area. There is no need for a professional handler to “run” the horses.

- Conservative attire is required, with safe footwear. The shirt must have a collar and long or short sleeves. Polo shirts are acceptable. No T-shirts allowed. **It is required that handlers are to wear protective headgear.** Gloves are recommended.
- A release must be signed by all handlers.
- A handler or groom may only hold one horse at any given time during the competition in or near the competition areas.
- Handlers must be 16 years old as of January 1 of the current year.
- A handler may each carry only one whip or one standard lunging whip (without attachments, i.e. plastic bags, etc.). In addition, disruptive noisemaking devices are not permitted in the competition ring or the warm-up area.

A jumping leader and his assistants will direct the three year olds when jumping in the jump chute. Owners may handle their own horses for standing conformation and walk.

Other Guidelines

- All horses participating will be issued a competition number, which must be worn at all times when exercising or competing.
- Any unruly horse which endangers its rider/handler, other horses, their rider/handlers, the judges, or the ring crew may be dismissed by the judge.